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AN OPINION

## Congress' Help Seems Erratic

Not even the most imaginative economist has been able to devise an alternative way of reducing the rate of inflation. There is only one way that works, and that is for the Federal Government to scale down or eliminate its budget deficits. To accomplish this, the Government must either raise taxes or cut spending or both. President Nixon long ago declared himself for controlling Federal spending.

It was in the light of this policy that the President decided to veto the education money bill that exceeded the Administration's request by almost half a billion dollars. Last week the House overrode the veto and this week the Senate is expected to take its own vote on the Matter.

Throughout the hassle, many critics have attempted to depict Mr. Nixon as indifferent to the nation's school needs. And House Speaker Mc-Cormack has called the inflation issue a "scarecrow argument." Neither tactic will wash. Inflation is visible and ubiquitous, the Government continues to spend much more than it takes in, and a $4 billion request for education hardly suggests White House indifference.

The education measure would pump billions into the districts of congressmen, so its political appeal is large—especially in an election year. Too, there are few worthier ways to spend Federal funds than on the welfare of children. And whether to spend $4.4 billion, as Congress wants, or to spend slightly less than $4 billion, as the President prefers, is a question difficult for the average citizen to weigh on its merits.

But if one believes, as we do, that inflation is a paramount threat to the nation's economic health, then there can be no argument that steps should be taken to control it. Those steps involve meeting the nation's needs with careful consideration of the amount that can be spent safely for any given purpose. It is the President's judgment that $4.4 billion is too much to spend on education now.

Congress has replied that it disagrees, and in so replying it has cast doubt on its willingness to make the hard choices necessary if inflation is to be contained. At a time when the country faces yet another sizable Federal deficit, the action on Capitol Hill is regrettable. It is not within the power of the Administration to rein in inflation by itself, and Congress has now gone on record as saying that its help, to put it gently will be exceedingly erratic. —The National Observer

## Our World This Morning

### Fulbright Amendment Adopted

WASHINGTON (UPI) —The Senate voted unanimously Friday to prohibit U.S. assistance to foreign mercenaries fighting to save Laos and Cambodia.

By voice vote, members quickly accepted an amendment by Sen. J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., that was intended to keep the United States from becoming involved indirectly in the two nations' problems.

"Wherever American tax dollars for waging a war go, the American flag inevitably follows," Fulbright said.

The amendment was added to a House-passed $19.3 billion Military Procurement Bill. Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, indicated it may be knocked out of the final compromise version that will be sent to President Nixon.

### Tropical Storm Dorothy Kills 15

SAN JUAN, P.R. (UPI)— Tropical storm Dorothy, showing signs of intensifying, moved across the open Caribbean Friday, leaving at least 15 dead and hundreds injured or homeless on the islands of Martinique and Dominica.

The storm hit the two islands a soggy blow Thursday, and first indications were that little damage had occurred. Friday, however, reports of death and destruction began filtering out of the rural areas.

Dorothy's winds were clocked at about 50-55 MPH Friday, but forecasters said the storm showed signs of gradual intensification.

The storm center was located about 225 miles south of San Juan, moving on a west to west-northwest course at about 14 MPH.

### Court Orders Longview Changes

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A federal appeal court ordered changes Friday in the desegregation system adopted for the Longview, Tex., Public School System.

Reversing and remanding the case to U.S. District Court, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the present plan leaves 4 of the 12 elementary schools all-Negro.

### Israel Says Cease-Fire Violated

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israel complained again Friday that Egypt is "continuing grave violations" of the Middle East cease-fire by building defensive missile sites near the Suez Canal.

Egypt did not immediately comment on the latest Israeli allegation.

### WEATHER

**Partly Cloudy, Maybe Showers**

TEXARKANA WEATHER—Yesterday's high, 84; low, 72. Rainfall, 4.24, for period ending 9 p.m.

SW ARKANSAS—Partly cloudy, warm and humid through Sunday. Chance of showers and thunderstorms mostly during afternoons and evenings. High today and Sunday, upper 80s to mid 90s; low upper 60s to mid 70s.

NE TEXAS—Partly cloudy and warm with chance of thunderstorms. High, 94; low, 70s.

SE OKLAHOMA—Considerable cloudiness with chance of rain mainly in afternoons. High today, 96; low, 70s.

NW LOUISIANA—Scattered mainly afternoon and evening thundershowers. Otherwise partly cloudy and warm through Sunday. High, 90-95; low, 72-76.

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## ...MAN, 4 CHILDREN RESCUED

# City Flooded 2nd Day

By JIM POWELL
Staff Writer

Turrential rains for the second straight day in Texarkana — this time more than four inches — sent creeks over their banks again and the city back into flooding conditions.

The four-inch rain Friday brought the two-day total to almost nine inches.

Police Officer Stephen C. Pliant took his personal boat into the Elm and Fifth Street section, and along with Roy Young from the Texas-side street department, rescued a woman and four small children, one a small baby, from their flooded home near Swamp Poodle Creek.

The fire department rescue boat was also pressed into service going from home to home along the creek.

Police estimated eight to ten houses had been flooded along the creek.

For the children of the area it was a field day. Many had their swim suits on and were floating down Elm Street in intertubes.

Water went over the six-foot mark in the New Boston Road underpass, causing a wrecker crew to swim to a car that was stalled in the deep water. Only about an inch of the cartop was showing above the muddy water as a man dived under the surface to connect a cable to the automobile.

Street crews, who worked into the night cleaning up debris after more than five inches of rain fell on the city Thursday morning, were busy again Friday afternoon cleaning debris from the underpasses.

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Official records showed 3.44 inches of rain fell between 2 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday at the airport. However, it was agreed by officials that more than four inches fell in the downtown area.

On Thursday 4.97 inches was recorded at the airport making the official total for the two days 8.41 inches.

Several city officials said they felt that more than nine inches of rain fell in the downtown section of the city during the past two days.

Texarkana police reported late Friday night that all roads were clear, "except for the mud," and that underpasses were open to normal traffic.

Swamp Poodle Creek roared from its banks with the fury of a river about mid-morning Friday. Water was running over the bridges on West 4th St. to New Boston Road.

Mrs. Nancy Talley, a checker at the Morehead Super Market in the low area, said the store had been sitting in three-foot-deep water for two days. "we're down in a hole and it's like people are pouring water on us. It comes in a cloudburst and hits us from all sides. We're trying to get some sandbags, but we can't , so I guess we'll have to make them ourselves," she said.

"I was fixing to go out back this morning and I opened the door and it was like someone hitting me with a bucket of water. We had a drain stopped up and when I opened the door it all hit me," Mrs. Talley said.

"It's just one big heck of a mess."

She estimated damage to the store and products at "in the hundreds."

"All of our major arteries are under water. Some people are stranded in low lying areas in houses. There are stalled cars all over town," Texas-side Chief of Police Harold McGee said Friday morning.

"None has been hurt...no one drowned so far. But we have people trapped in their cars and we are getting them out as soon as we can," the chief said.

Police rescued several out-of-town persons after they drove their car into a creek in the western section of the city. Witnesses said the heavy current was carrying the car

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Photo by Bob Burns

*Wrecker Crew Tows Car From New Boston Road Underpass During Second Day of Floods in Texarkana*

# Arkansas Candidates Fire Away Here

## Citizens Council Crowd Small ••• McClerkin, Faubus Applauded

By LARRY POWELL
Staff Writer

Seven candidates for the governorship of Arkansas fired verbal shots at each other and the other six candidates for the post at a Tri-State Citizens Council political forum Friday night which drew only about 60 people to the Texarkana College Auditorium.

About 20 of those 60 left after former governor Orval Faubus addressed the crowd and about 10 more left following an address by Bob Compton. The remainder trickled out during addresses by Walter Carruth, James (Uncle Mac) MacKrell, the Rev. R. J. Hampton, and W. S. Cheek. Lester Gibbs, a Republican candidate, spoke prior to Faubus arrival.

Faubus, the Democratic candidate pledging to be "a governor for all the people," referred to a campaign statement by Hayes McClerkin that to vote for Faubus would be a step backwards. "If this is going backward, then the candidate that made that charge is turned around the wrong way." Faubus also slammed school situations such as forced integration and busing. He told the crowd, "I'll take care of that New York cowboy."

The Rev. Hampton, a GOP candidate who had been allegedly threatened prior to his Texarkana visit, described the person who allegedly leveled the threat as being "not a member of the Citizens Council. In fact, if there is money being exchanged for such a purpose, I daresay that it comes from the same source as that money which was been spent in this campaign to assassinate my character. The one man who has the massive wealth to play such games—the New Yorker who wears cowboy boots—is your enemy and mine." Hampton said in an interview that he was not referring to Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller. "I don't think I was referring to Gov. Rockefeller. "I don't think Gov. Rockefeller is that type."

Cheek also took a punch at McClerkin, referring to him as "the Texarkana topwater."

Compton, a former FBI agent and a lawyer, called for returning the management of schools "to our local school officials."

Carruth, making an attempt to gain support for the November race, the only ballot he will be on since the American Party does not hold a primary, told the audience, "The Democratic and the Republican parties are the total causes of our problems."

Gibbs charged that Rockfeller "buys votes like buying a pig in a market." "Take his money, drink his whisky, and then vote for the man of your choice," Gibbs said.

MacKrell, describing himself as "the only candidate who stands before you and tells you what I am doing," said he is not a racist. He said 85 per cent of the Negroes he knows "do not want integration." He told the audience, "I am willing to make a sacrifice."

By BOB WEST
State Editor

The governor of Arkansas received a verbal flogging, a hometown seeker returned to where he began and the old master politician proved he still had the old political punch as 800 to 1000 people gathered Friday night on the Miller County courthouse lawn to hear political candidates.

Three Democratic candidates for the gubernatorial nomination and one Republican candidate were among the speakers.

Hayes C. McClerkin, of Texarkana, and Orval E. Faubus of Huntsville, received the strongest ovations of the night, and it was hard to say which aroused more applause.

Faubus hit hard and rapid in the style which helped elect him governor from 1954 to 1966, while McClerkin in his slower and more subdued style vowed that "We're going to win Aug. 25, and we're going to win in November and Texarkana is going to have its first governor for the state of Arkansas."

Bob Compton also received a strong rise from the crowd as he attacked vested interest, and referring to Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller and Standard Oil Co. (a Rockefeller family business interest), said, "He is the vested interest and he is keeping us poor."

Rockefeller was the favorite target most of the night. Faubus asked, "Who is the best man to go up against the Rockefeller interest and the prejudiced Arkansas Gazette and Pine Bluff Commercial?" Then he answered, "No one has said such a man exists except for me to beat that empire. I'll take the boot to that New York cowboy and we'll beat him."

McClerkin, appearing right after Faubus, was critical of the ex-governor's tenure in office.

"We've seen 16 years of power politics in the state of Arkansas and no government at all," the Texarkanian said.

In contrast to Faubus's rapid fire, pounding oration, McClerkin began slowly, noting he was speaking on the same spot from which he launched his campaign into public office 10 years ago as a state representative.

In the hot race for state senator, Dist. 11, Nick Patton talked five minutes and gave his remaining five for his opponent incumbent Sen. Bob Douglas to answer Patton's question of "why you introduced a bill in the state senate to give pensions to retired politicans and then you claim to be a progressive legislator?"

Douglas thanked Patton for the extra time but did not mention the pension bill. He said his campaign was "based on my record and not the shortcoming of my opponent."

Douglas appealed, "I'm asking you the people who own this office to let me continue to get those things which you and I deserve for ourselves."

## FOR AUG. 25 PRIMARIES

# Few Contests Noted in Area Counties

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Races are few for county offices in Sevier, Hempstead, Lafayette and Columbia counties. Here is the wrapup of the Aug. 25 primary election preview for southwest Arkansas.)

By BOB WEST
State Editor

Six county races in four southwest Arkansas counties indicates the lack of interest in county government.

Only sheriff and county judge posts are being contested in Hempstead and Columbia counties, while Sevier County has a sheriff's race and Lafayette County a county coroner's contest.

Except for representative races in these counties, and the myriad of candidates on the state ballot, it will be little choice in county politics as voters go to the polls Aug. 25.

Why the lack of interest? Political observers point out that county officers receive low pay and it is hard to find qualified people to run for these positions. Also, they note, cost of campaigning is high for the "common man" and many potential county candidates just don't think it's worth it.

Where there were once spankings all over the rural areas in years past the voter interest has declined to the point this year that few spankings are being held. New candidates in county and legislative races, who have depended on these spankings in the past, have expressed disappointment concerning the situation.

The slate for Tuesday's election will include:

Columbia County: Sheriff—Frank Crumpler, Claude H. Wilson (incumbent), Paul Joplin, W. L. "Bill" Ingram, Charles Tillman Crisp and Gordon W. Hunter. County Judge—Roscoe D. Smith, W. A. "Shorty" Duke (incumbent), R. W. "Bob" Henderson and Ernest B. Camp.

Hempstead County: SHERIFF—Henry Sinyard, Jimmie Griffin (incumbent), Larry Arnett. County Judge—Frank Walters, Finis Odom (incumbent).

Sevier County: Sheriff and collector — Kirk Anderson (incumbent) of De Queen, and Alvin K. Gage, of Ben Lomond.

Lafayette County: Coroner — L. H. Edwards Jr. and W. T. Fields.

Also Sevier County will have a race for Democratic committeeman between Chester Corbell and Milton Garrison, both of Purdumn.

A city treasurer race in Magnolia, mayoral contests in Waldo and McNeil and two aldermen races in Waldo will add interest in Columbia County voting.

In Magnolia, a new city treasurer will be selected with two in the running, Mrs. Gene (Theresa) Bentz and Mrs. Joe (Jean) Baskin.

In the contest for major at Waldo are Clyde R. Hill and Dewey J. Watkins. Candidates for aldermen, Ward One, are Robert Banks and Robert J. Greene. Running for aldermen, Ward Three, are Hampton Bussey and Phillip Gemmel.

McNeil's mayoral contest finds Ralph Ward vying with B. L. Vanlandin.